

Bush River Community Council
January 22, 2013 Meeting Minutes

The January 2013 meeting of the Bush River Community Council (BRCC) was called to order by the Vice Chairman, William “Randy” Conlon, at 6:30 p.m. in the Anita C. Leight Estuary Center, Otter Point Road, Abingdon, MD, on January 22, 2012. In attendance was Sheriff Office representative Capt Chris Swain, and board members: Vice Chairman William Randy Conlon, Mike Carr, Glenn Dudderar, Kathleen Leary, and Chris Henn. Chairman Larry Charmical and Recording Secretary Mary Starks and Board member Jo Wanda Lucas were absent from the meeting. Joe Finkel and Marie Inzana attended from the community. Vice Chairman Conlon welcomed and thanked all for coming and introduced Ms. Chris Henn as the newest member of the board. Ms Henn resides in the Riverside Community. Minutes of the previous meeting had been staffed and approved, electronically prior to the meeting and are available on the Harford County Government website.

BGE Smart Meter Presentation

Ms Jennifer Frey and Gary Hildebider representing BGE presented information on the Smart Meter program. The presentation opened with a video overview on BGE Smart meters. The following key points:

- Harford County expected installation projected for March 2014
- Smart Meter scheduling and installation will be accomplished by GRID 1 Solutions
- Customers will be notified by post card of installation date
- Costs of program will be offset somewhat by a Department of Energy Grant and consumer cost will be determined by results of the Public Service Commission Rate Case.
- Smart Meter “digital” technology will indentify usage by hour and provide better information on how and when energy is used for the customer and provider.
- Customers can opt into the Smart Energy Rewards program for rebates on energy billing.
- Customers can choose to opt out of the smart meter program; however they will incur a monthly cost in order to do so to cover the expense of the manual system.

Harford County Sheriffs Report

Captain Chris Swain informed the attendee’s that crime had been trending upward recently in Joppa area with a burglary as well as in the vicinity of Churchville Aldino road adjacent to the SOD farm. Additionally plain clothes undercover surveillance officers had been assigned to the Belcamp Riverside community for a specific purpose in order to curtail burlary of occupied residences. Perrywood Gardens has always experienced a surge in activity resulting in 50-60 calls for service over a 2 month period. Captina Swain was asked how communities could request traffic calming devices. Captain Swain stated that currently the devices were unserviceable, and that Sherriff Bane had directed the problem be fixed. He suggested maintain contact with the Traffic Unit

New Business

Vice Chairman Randy Conlon informed the board that he had met with Aaron Tmacrchio, Ms Jane Walker and Mrs Gonzalez and agreed to assume the Chairmanship of the BRCC upon Larry Charmichals departure at the expiration of his term. His appointment by The County Executive would be forthcoming. The speakers for February 2013 will Parks and Recreation Land Use/Master Plan Arden McClure Director
With no further topics, questions or issues raised, Vice Chairman Conlon thanked all attendees for coming, and adjourned the meeting at 8:00 pm.

Submitted by:

William R. Conlon

Vice Chair, Bush River Community Council